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Anacostia River Watershed Restoration Plan available to the public

BALTIMORE – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, along with Federal, State and local partners and subwatershed group input, has completed the Anacostia River Watershed Restoration Plan and it is now available to the public. Initiated in 2007, the purpose of the plan was to develop a watershed restoration plan to help guide restoration efforts in the Anacostia watershed for the next ten years and better address the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership's six restoration goals that include reducing pollutant loads, protecting and restoring ecological integrity, increasing quantity and quality of wetlands, expanding and protecting forest cover, improving fish passage, and increasing public and private awareness and participation in the restoration effort. The Plan identifies more than 3,000 candidate restoration projects within each of the Anacostia River's 14 primary subwatersheds and the tidal river reach. This provides the first-ever unified plan for restoration of the entire watershed.

Collaborating Federal, State and local partners on this plan include the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership, including the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee.

The plan will be publicly released on April 19, 2010 and is available at www.anacostia.net.

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